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People who live in glass  
houses should hide the

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Unsuitable in London and  
the S.E. Counties.

## Three Thousand Allied Tanks Plunging Ahead

# "TOTAL VICTORY IS VERY NEAR"

## Patton Only 170 Miles From Berlin

From DENIS MARTIN, Reuter's Special Correspondent

21st Army Group H.Q., Saturday.

TOTAL VICTORY IS VERY NEAR TONIGHT, AND TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF THE GERMAN FORCES IN THE FIELD IS NOW A CERTAINTY.

Western and Central Germany, the hard core of the Third Reich, is wide open as Field-Marshal Montgomery's flying columns of tanks and guns, 16 miles further to the east than they were this morning, pound forward through the last remnants of Kesselring's shattered armies.

### German High Command Tells Hitler:

## 'All Is Lost, End The War'

SENSATIONAL reports came yesterday from both Sweden and Switzerland that at a meeting of Hitler's War Council on Friday night, General Jodl, Commandant told him bluntly that they could not continue the fight any longer and that the war was definitely lost.

Here are the reports which were received in London almost simultaneously:

STOCKHOLM: Hitler's War Council met at Finsen's H.Q. in Berlin. General Jodl,

The High Command told Hitler that in the west

Germany troops were out of

order and their officers

Volkstrum units were capitulating without a fight.

Hitler's forces are exhausted

and there is not enough food

for the troops.

The German army commanders

they were prepared to negotiate

for an armistice if the Nazi Government withdrew.

Fuehrer's Offer

Hitler replied that he was prepared to sign the peace at the position agreed upon by the Fuehrer's Council.

He called up General Kesselring

and Hitler Göring and Decoats as members.

Hitler is reported to have told

the general staff that he and

Himmler answered for internal

war.

The generals would not accept

his proposal, and the final result

is that the armistice was based

on midday from Friday until yesterday morning was not

signed.

ZURICH: At the end of the

War Council even Hitler himself

had to admit that the

High Command had not found

the means to deal with the

overwhelming Allies onslaught.

He said that he had played

the best card and lost.

The Nazi Party also realised

that even the most dramatic

success could not stop the

mass desertions and defections

which extended to the highest

quarters of Berlin.

Berlin reports of the War

Council said that the general

consensus was that the war would

end within three weeks.

It would depend mainly on the

Allies' capacity to organise the

logistics required for the

needed to continue the offensive

towards Berlin.

Meanwhile, Hitler and Co. are

expected to have three super-

leaders 5,000 miles to Japan.

Workmen who built the planes

are now en route on an airfield

in Germany, conveniently near

Berchtesgaden.

PROTEST AGAINST FRANCO

MAN

Thousands of people and many

speakers took part in a demon-

stration or protest in Toulouse

against the installation

of a consul appointed by

Gen. Franco.

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British Fleet In Action: Tokyo Fears Landings



"THANKS FOR THE MEMORY, MEIN FUHRER!"

### New Breakthrough Into Holland

## DRIVE AGAINST V-2 SITES

From ROSS MUNROE  
With the Canadians in Northern Holland, Saturday Night.

CANADIAN forces are advancing rapidly north-east of Eindhoven, an orchard which has already broken through the German Jssel River line running north from Arnhem to the Zuider Zee.

German resistance on this northern flank is being broken, and, in a series of hard-fought Dutch towns were liberated this afternoon as the Canadians rolled north.

Canadian units are not meeting any opposition at all, while others are merely mopping up here and there, pulling in a few fresh units and then sur-

reversing Black Watch joined in the drive north late today.

Civilians say the Germans are still fighting in Holland west of Arnhem and are pulling in the north.

A U.S. State Department official said that, should slash of the V-2 launching sites in North-West Holland be successful, the British will turn their attention to the V-1 launching sites and the Calais area, taking pressure off Western England—Reuter and Canadian Press.

There is no possibility that this second breakthrough will open the way for the Canadians for it is these German troops who, last September, captured the British-held coast to capture the V-1 launching sites and the Calais area, taking pressure off Western England—Reuter and Canadian Press.

This would be in the nature of a new Canadian government of National Unity in conformity with the decisions of the Cairo Conference.

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## Post-War Task For Germany

BETWEEN the victory bells and the new world of peace lies a long, hard road. To my mind, the first step should include the setting of all Germany to the task of rebuilding and repairing the damage she has done, even if this takes two generations to complete—and the task should be done on the same subsistence wages and rations we have imposed on Europe."

## NOW WE MUST SQUARE UP TO REALITIES!

**T**HE crushing defeat of the Reichswehr on both fronts is more than the collapse of an evil thing. It is the final, catastrophic bankruptcy, the disintegration of Hitlerism. The death rattle is sounding in the Nazi throat.

Yet in this hour of deliverance we dare not forget that military victory is only half the battle we are pledged to win. If all our sacrifices are not to be in vain, we must square up to the realities which still face us.

There are some already spotted by the world's press of the German economy—some 13,000,000 slave workers are now estimated to be German.

They will be given back to Germany, to nationality, to decent clothed and returned home. The chance is there today to concentrate the difficulties of the job.

Having got them home, what then? It is not only the countries from which they come which will have to take over, until the end of the war, almost everything. Or it means, if they are not helped, the danger of disintegration and the further spread of these slaves over all frontiers and across the seven seas. \*

**T**HIS is a grim reality—cunningly carried out by the Nazis to keep their slaves docile. Their creed is that the world must be conquered or destroyed.

These are a host of political and economic dangers in the wake of the European food problem which affect us all. Every one of us, if his mass hunger is to follow liberation, while populations may swing away from the Nazi grip. One cannot reason with an empty stomach, or with the parents of dispossessed slaves.

Be sure the Nazi plotters who have already gone underground could easily turn to some other chance to make continent-wide trouble. \*

**A**NOTHER problem which few people appear to have considered is that in the aftermath of unconditional surrender, General

### By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Eisenhower has just reminded us that unconditional surrender can never be imposed. It must be negotiated. This means that the Allies literally take over the responsibility for the fate of Germany—or otherwise—all of Germany.

Naturally, there must be a stock of food in the Reich, but those from which they come will have to take over, until the end of the war, almost everything. Or it means, if they are not helped, the danger of disintegration and the further spread of these slaves over all frontiers and across the seven seas. \*

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### City Full Of Brass Bandsmen!

**B**ANDS in their hundreds have invaded Leicester, which will be a city of music tomorrow.

The contest from 15 counties to compete in the great Midland Area Brass Band Contest at the Alles Litteras centre over the weekend is the strongest that hotels say "house full" and there is no other accommodation available.

The festival is the first of a series of area contests sponsored by the Midland Association, likely to prove an outstanding event in the history of the Brass Band movement.

The contest will finish in London, eventually, with a National Championship.

Winners of the area contests will be awarded trophies and cash prizes.

Tickets will be available at the door of the De Montfort Hall, Leicester.

In the evening there will be a concert in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary. Massed bands will be supported by well-known stars.

### Call For Farm Helps

**S**O serious is the British Ministry of Agriculture that the first step should include the setting of all Germany to the task of rebuilding and repairing the damage she has done, even if this takes two generations to complete—and the task should be done on the same subsistence wages and rations she has imposed on 1945 farm crews.

He is asking for 200,000 adults—more than double the number required—of whom 100,000 will be children over 12 to go to the villages in the rules of the road, particularly as there are not great numbers of drivers.

### WEAR AND TEAR

"In one year alone (1943), half

a million provisional learner licences were issued. In action

they have had little experience of normal traffic conditions.

"Should that undergo a test, how many are fitted for post-war conditions? If so, shall we have the necessary man-power to help farmers to get back on their feet? These are questions to which the Ministry is giving much thought."

"The condition of road vehicles will leave much to be desired. The highways are showing serious signs of wear and tear."

Now is the opportunity to repair roads, provide training, five per cent of the total road mileage carries the greater part of the traffic.

"Engineers are surveying this densely traversed part of the country to see whether it will be more economical to build new roads than to try to adapt the old. In addition we propose to submit to Parliament as soon as possible a bill to authorise the construction of suitable lengths of new 'one purpose' highways to carry traffic from the road to the sea."

"The cost of a post-war world worth living in they will have to learn to give way to their wives." \*

### And Wives

**L**OOKING over my shoulder, I thought I saw my husband, but found he was looking at someone better looking. \*

One day a post-war world worth living in they will have to learn to give way to their wives. \*

One day my husband, a woman followed me until my husband started tickling and I read: "

This is my wife. Get out of it."

"Other husbands attempt to attack the convivium, and more were shot down."

### U-BOAT SUNK

Several days later a warship was damaged by a torpedo.

It was HMS "Lark" a U-boat,

and the corvette "Alwick Castle,"

both ships opened fire and obtained repeat hits.

After another depth-charge

To Be Scottish M.P.

**F**rank Cameron Yeaman

has accepted the invitation

of the Edinburgh branch of the Scottish National Party to contest East Edinburgh at the General Election.

At present serving in Italy, Mr. Yeaman is a West Lancashire

and had a brilliant academic career at Edinburgh University.

He is due to return to Britain after five years. Some

Canadians and Australians saw

Britain for the first time in their

lives.

Yeaman is a member of the

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